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(*b*) The numbers are as shown below :—

For Masters.

One secondary training class.
Two higher elementary training classes.
One lower elementary training class.

For Mistresses.

One secondary training class.
Two higher elementary training classes.
One lower elementary training class.

Information as to the maximum number of students for whom accommodation is available in these classes is not available.

(*c*) The information is not available.

(*d*) The question of opening an additional training school in the district with higher and lower elementary training classes for women teachers is under consideration.

(*e*) Training schools opened by private agencies may be granted aid under the Grant-in-aid Code.

Local Boards

Amendment Bill to the Local Boards Act.

* 975 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Bill prepared by Government to amend the Local Boards Act has been considered by the Local Boards Advisory Committee and if so, what their recommendations are; and

(*b*) when the Bill in question will be introduced in the Council?

A.—(*a*) Yes, and their recommendations are under consideration.

(*b*) The Bill will be introduced as soon as its provisions are finally settled.

Municipal Councils

Expenditure on road maintenance in Chidambaram Municipality.

* 976 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in respect of road maintenance a sum of Rs. 4,933 was spent by the Chidambaram Municipal Council in excess of the budget amount for 1927-28;

(*b*) whether there are any records authorizing or sanctioning the excess expenditure;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the original resolution book relating to this item is not available in the office;

(*d*) whether the municipal council by its resolution, dated 31st August 1928, disallowed Rs. 1,000 out of Rs. 4,933; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to cause a thorough investigation to be made into items of expenditure mis-spent or spent in excess without the sanction of the Council and to recover the same from the person liable therefor?

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A.—(a) From the accounts submitted to the Government by the Chairman it appears that the expenditure on the maintenance of the roads in 1927-28 exceeded the budget provision for the purpose by Rs. 4,934.

(b), (c) & (d) The Government have no information. They have called for a report.

(e) Whether any action on the part of the Government is necessary can be decided only after the receipt of the report.

Jails

Diet to non-vegetarian prisoners in jails.

*977 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the question of giving the non-vegetarian prisoners the kind of food they are used to, has been considered as promised in answer to the supplementary question to question No. 827 answered on 22nd October 1927; and

(b) if so, with what result?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have decided that no change in the existing practice is called for.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have abandoned the principle of giving the food the prisoners are used to in the case of Indian prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The answer is given there."

Panchayat Courts

Provision of a clerk and peon for Panchayat Court.

978 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(a) to lay on the table of the House copy of the proceedings, dated the 30th September 1928, of the Panchayat Court Members of the Kasargod taluk in South Kanara sent to him regarding the provision of a clerk and peon for each court, more stationery and furniture, etc.; and

(b) to state whether the Government have taken or propose to take any, and if so, what action in the matter?

A.—(a) A copy of the proceedings referred to is laid on the table.[a]

(b) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Panchayat Courts in South Kanara district.

*979 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of village courts and the number of panchayat courts in the several taluks of South Kanara (from the latest returns available) classifying them under the following heads, viz., those which have below

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[a] Printed as Appendix XVII on pages 545-546 infra.